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### A Special Sale of Ribbons

We received yesterday a special shipment of 2,000 yards of beautiful pompadour effects in 6-inch Taffeta Silk Ribbons, with satin, moire and Ottoman edges. These dainty pompadour or flowered effects in light blue, pink, mauve and lavender are on white backgrounds; all pure silk and of rich texture. For the child, large bows and wide washes of flowered ribbons are to-day IDEAL. For the summer hats, massive bows of ribbon are always favored. These are all 50c and 59c Ribbons at the special price of..... 29c yard

### MUST REPAIR FLOOR OF SETTLING BASIN

Superintendent Davis Reports That Bottoms, Lying Idle in Sun, Have Buckled.

Repairs to the extent of \$5,330 will be necessary at the new settling basin before that extensive plant can be used, according to a report made to the Committee on Water yesterday afternoon by Superintendent Davis, of the Water Department. About \$1,200 of this is for repairs to the concrete floors of the voagulating basins, which, since lying idle in the sun for years, awaiting the completion of a new flume, have "buckled." Mr. Davis said he was unable to assign a definite cause for this, but believed it came from the basins being empty and the "crawling" clay underneath drying out, an occurrence which would not be repeated when the plant is in use and the coagulating basins full of water. Chairman Mills said that the committee should also take up the question of providing for outlets, or wasteways, to empty the upper basins in the event that the river cleared rapidly, just after water was drawn in, making it more economical to use river water than that which would have to pass through the coagulating plant. The committee decided, however, that it was not expedient to ask the Council at this time for any appropriation other than what was necessary for the operating of the basins, members arguing that once they were put into use and had demonstrated their effectiveness, there would be no difficulty in securing any reasonable appropriation for improvements. Mr. Davis reported about 2,200 feet of the new flume as laid. The completed tube will be slightly more than 5,000 feet in length. If present conditions in the river continue through the fall, the contractor plans to complete work by December 1. The Council will be asked for an emergency appropriation to put the basins in working order by the time the new flume is ready.

### GOT NO MONEY, SO TOOK VARNISH

Thieves Steal Big Supply When They Failed to Reap Cash-Drawer Harvest.

Thieves entered some time Tuesday night the carriage and wagon factory of George C. White and Son, 180 North Fifth Street, and stole therefrom a quantity of varnish, amounting to considerable value. The burglary was not discovered until yesterday morning, when the proprietors went to their place of business, and the matter was reported to the police in the afternoon. The burglars broke into the place through a window facing on the alley. When the proprietors went to the place yesterday morning they found everything topsy-turvy, the cash drawer broken open, and things lying all about the place. It was evident that the men had tried to find money. Failing to find any cash, they took the varnish, though it is hard to conceive by the police what they could do with it. The officers had no clue yesterday on which to work, though every effort will be made to locate the house-breakers.

**Pined for Disorder.** Frank Hanton and Joe Barker, of this city, were drunk and disorderly near Seven Pines Tuesday afternoon, and were arrested by a county officer. They were tried yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock and fined \$250 each, with the costs. Neither man had the price, so the two were returned to jail.

### DIAMOND RINGS FOUND ON THIEF

Two Stolen from Sam Stern While He Was Reading Political News Recovered in Cell.

Innocent youth, in the person of Joseph Harris, a twelve-year-old colored boy, yesterday evening gave way to the wiles of Officers Clarke and Tomlinson, and the boy, after stoutly asserting his innocence, produced two diamond rings he is alleged to have stolen from Sam Stern, pawnbroker, on Sixth Street, and surrendered them to the officer and to Mr. Stern, though the latter will not get full recovery until the case is adjudicated by the courts. The boy was arrested first on a charge of stealing \$18 from Sam Stern, and he was thereupon locked up in a cell in the Second Police Station. As with all prisoners, he had been thoroughly searched before being locked up. Subsequently a second complaint of theft was made, and the two officers thought that it would be well to try Harris again. Through the bars they talked to him, refusing to search him a second time, saying to the boy: "You know where those rings are, and you can find them in your own clothing if you will. It will save us some trouble, and you some inconvenience." After a few minutes of perturbed silence and deep thinking, the boy ran his hand down into the lining of his coat and produced a diamond ring. On second thought he ran his hand down again, and in the lining of the back of his coat he found another ring. Both are valued at \$150. Harris had been employed by Stern at odd times, and it is alleged that he stole the money from the cash drawer while Mr. Stern was reading the political news in front of his shop. The afternoon, the loss of the rings was discovered, and all was fastened on Harris.

### ENRIGHT EXPECTS TO REPLACE TREAT

Former Deputy Is Confident He Will Succeed His Former Chief in Office.

Major M. J. Enright, formerly United States Deputy Marshal under Morgan Treat, has recently secured an appointment as special agent of the Treasury Department. He is assigned to duty in Richmond, although he is unwilling to divulge the exact nature of his work. It is understood that Major Enright has benefited financially in the exchange of positions. He is expected to be the next presidential appointee for the position of marshal in this district, said Major Enright last night. "I have no objection to this statement appearing publicly, as my confidence is such that I do not fear any opposition. I am a candidate for marshal, and hope to secure the position." He denied that he has been permanently appointed to a position under the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, but acknowledged that he is filling a temporary vacancy. "My associations with Mr. Cabell are especially cordial," he said, "and I do not believe he will do anything to hurt my prospects." Revenue Agent Chapman, under whom Major Enright is believed to be working, would say nothing of the duties assigned. Major Enright is an aggressive politician, say those who know of his former campaigns, and his announcement of the fact that he will be an applicant to secure position now occupied by his former chief will probably be no surprise to those who know what is going on in local Federal circles.

### COBBLESTONES FOR MULE DIET

New Breakfast Food Provided by Grain Contractors' Driver.

SUBSTITUTED FOR OATS

Weighed With Grain at City Scales—Warrant Out for Alleged Swindler.

Cobblestones for breakfast food—this was the bill of fare put up to the mules at the city stables yesterday morning. The mules kicked the stable boss, the boss passed the kick along to the Fourth Assistant City Engineer, and so by easy stages as the day progressed the cobblestones passed on to the office of City Engineer Bolling, in the City Hall, where they were neatly stacked as evidence. There is half a cartload of them, each one of good size. What there is a warrant out for, a Jim Robertson, colored, driver of a team for Alvey Brothers, grain contractors for the city. Jim is alleged to have substituted paving stones for oats while on the way from the warehouse to the city stables. At least this is what Mr. Alvey alleges, for he insists that the oats left his place properly packed in bags, each of the required weight and measure.

There was astonishment at the city scales yesterday morning when a big wagon load of oats from Alvey's, billed for the stables of the City Street Department, drove into the weighing shed and weighed out several hundred pounds more than the bill called for. Such a thing had never been known to happen before in all the experience of city purchases.

So the stable boss began an investigation. Packed away in the wagon with the sacks of oats was found a nice large pile of paving stones, about eight inches cubic measurement each. **Places Blame on Driver.** When the matter came to the attention of City Engineer Bolling he was quick to call on Alvey Brothers for an explanation. Edward Alvey, of this firm, came to the City Hall, then went to the stable, looked over the pile of cobblestones, and decided that his colored driver was crazy. Consultation was had with the detective department and a warrant was sworn out by Mr. Alvey for one Jim, alias James, Robertson, said to live out somewhere behind the McPherson Asylum, in the general direction of Riverview. Officers went to serve the warrant at Alvey Brothers' stables, but Jim had skipped, and had not been heard from last night.

**Says Negro Took Cocaine.** Mr. Alvey said that the negro was a confirmed cocaine-taker, and that he believed he was doped up to the point where he did not know what he was doing. Just what he could have gained by his little trick has not been made clear, as it does not seem that any oats were extracted from the bags. The police believe that Jim hoped that when his load was overweight at the scales, one or more bags would be returned, and he could dispose of it on the return trip.

The Committee on Streets meets tonight and will hear from the City Engineer as to the diet of paving stones for city mules. **What Mr. Bolling Says.** Mr. Bolling said last night that he did not have all the facts in hand as yet, but that the case would be a "rigid and prompt investigation." "From what I have been informed," said Mr. Bolling, "the loaded wagon drove on the city scales and was taken for the gross weight of grain was then unloaded at the city stables, and the driver at the same time threw off a pile of paving stones, before taking the empty wagon back to the scales for reweighing. The city, of course, pays for the difference between the gross weight of the loaded wagon, and the net weight of the empty. I cannot say as yet who is to blame."

### WINSTON SENT TO JURY

Man Who Owed Him Charges That He Used Knife to Collect.

Philip Winston, charged with cutting George Brown, was tried before Magistrate Lewis yesterday morning and sent on to the next term of the grand jury. According to the evidence, Brown owed Winston a small amount of money—something less than \$1—for work done. The two went out on a Westhampton car two weeks ago. Brown claimed that after he reached home Winston called for him, and when he went to the door to talk with him, he was knocked down and cut in the hand and left side. On the other hand, Winston claimed that after asking for his money, Brown followed him down the road with a gun, with which he beat him over the head. A scuffle ensued, in which both were cut. He was not able to explain just how, but said he thought it was with glass, as he picked several pieces from his hand after he had been put in jail.

**Street Committee Called.** The Council Committee on Streets will meet to-night at 8 o'clock.

### PROMISED REBATE ON WATER-PUMPS

Agent's Letter to Engineer Trafford Read to Committee in Secret Session.

WOULD BACK OUT OF OFFER

Successful Bidder Now Claims Full Amount of Contract Price Without Rebate.

What appears on the surface to be an attempt to back out of a promised secret rebate was the situation presented to the Council Committee on Water yesterday afternoon. So difficult was the promise of solution that after discussion it was tabled till the next meeting, to give the members time to think it over. It appears that in November of last year the Water Department opened bids for four water pumps to be installed at the New Pump-House, the pumps to be driven by electric power from the proposed municipal plant, and to be used as auxiliary to the present water-driven pumps, keeping the city reservoirs full. There were several bids, which were referred to Consulting Engineer Trafford for examination and report, among others one of the Dravo-Doyle Company, of Pittsburgh, for \$14,550, and another, about \$3,000 lower, for pumps of about 2 per cent. less efficiency.

**Offered a Rebate.** While the proposals were in the hands of Engineer Trafford he received a letter from a Mr. Hayden, then the Philadelphia manager of the Dravo-Doyle Company, to the effect that if his bid were accepted, with certain modifications, there would be a rebate of \$1,000. Mr. Trafford at once took this communication to Chairman Morgan R. Mills, of the Water Committee, who directed that it be laid before the committee. At the next meeting of the Water Committee Mr. Trafford reported that the type of pumps offered by the Dravo-Doyle Company were the most acceptable for the city's purposes, and recommended their acceptance, notwithstanding the lower price of other bidders.

Mr. Trafford said he had a further statement to make to the committee, and the body went into executive session, all outsiders being excluded, and it was at that time that the letter offering the \$1,000 rebate was read. No mention was made of it in the minutes, and after the executive session it was announced that the contract had been awarded to the Dravo-Doyle Company at its bid price of \$14,550.

**Could Not Alter Bid.** It now appears that in this secret session Mr. Reynolds objected to receiving a communication which was in effect a change in the bid, as being unfair to other bidders, who had entered the competition in good faith, and in this respect he was supported by Mr. Garber, of the committee. Chairman Mills ruled that the bid as entered could not be altered, and the committee recommended to the Council that the contract be awarded at \$14,550, but with the understanding that there was to be a reduction or rebate of \$1,000 under certain contingencies. **Ask Relief from Offer.** Yesterday afternoon a Mr. Fulton, a representative of the Dravo-Doyle Company, appeared before the committee, claiming, he related of the rebate, or that the voucher be made out for payment of the full amount to his company, in accordance with the written terms of the contract. The pumps had been installed, he said, and had more than met the tests required, developing capacity in excess of that specified. There had also been a number of extra valves and other fittings, supplies, he claimed, for which no extra charge had been made. Mr. Fulton said in support of his claim that the offer of a rebate of \$1,000 was made by a Mr. Hayden, a former employee of the company, not now with it; that no record had been made of the company had been in ignorance of it until recently, when he had come to Richmond and been informed of it by Mr. Trafford, the company supposing that it was executing the contract at the full price bid.

**Would Arbitrate Question.** He offered to submit the question to the Superintendent of Water Works or to any disinterested arbitrator, whether the machinery was worth the money stipulated in the contract, as awarded by the City Council, the pumps having shown a capacity under test larger than required. The committee was evidently from the discussion which followed, somewhat at a loss what to do, whether it had the power in the premises, the letter to Mr. Trafford not being a part of the contract, to require the rebate, and in the event that the \$1,000 were allowed, there seemed some doubt what disposition should be made of it. The committee had \$100,000 at its disposal out of a bond issue for improvements at the Pump-House, and might pay the full amount without reference to the Council. The matter was laid over till the next regular meeting, to give the members time to inquire into some of the intricate points involved.

**Married in Washington.** Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to George W. Parrott, of Charlottesville, and Emmie L. Watkins, of Richmond; and to George K. Harper and Irene Robinson, both of Richmond.

### GOOD TIMES FOR C. & O. RAILWAY

Large Additions to Equipment to Be Made at Once.

FIFTY NEW LOCOMOTIVES

Four Thousand Steel Coal Cars and 200 Miscellaneous Cars.

No better evidence of good times is needed than that furnished by the fact that the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway is making a tremendous addition to its operating plant. In the past two years there has been much to affect the welfare of the railroad corporations adversely, and they have reflected truly in their conditions the effect of the business depression. It is, then, a most optimistic state of affairs when large additions are made to the equipment looking to larger business activity and expansion in industrial lines.

Four thousand steel coal cars and two hundred miscellaneous cars have been ordered by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway for immediate use. Some of them have already been delivered, and all are to be delivered before November 1. This looks as if things in the railroad business were picking up briskly, and these items alone point powerfully to the decrease of business depression and the increase of business.

**Big Order No. 2.** In addition to the big order above, fifty locomotives are being built for the company by the Richmond works of the American Locomotive Company. This is evidence of no less significance in establishing the belief that prosperity is here, and here to stay.

No truer remark has been made than that the railroad of a country are the arteries through which the life-blood of its commerce flows, and it is equally true that the railroads are the barometers by which the rise and fall of prosperity may be noted safely. The operating expenses, in fact all the expenses of a railroad corporation, are enormous, and to make such a large outlay at this time betokens an emphasis on belief that the earning capacity of the railroad is to be greatly multiplied by the prosperous business conditions about to prevail.

### CHANGING MARKET LAWS

Subcommittee Will Suggest Many Changes from Existing Customs.

Suggestions as to ordinances governing the market were taken up last night by the subcommittee. Of the subcommittee only Chairman Rogers and Councilman Tucker were present. Assistant City Attorney Anderson was there to pass upon the work. It was decided that there should be no market on Christmas Day, Clerk Flournoy, of the Second Market, appeared before the committee, suggesting that the closing hour be designated as 2 o'clock instead of noon, saying that the life of his market depended on such a change, as the green grocers, who kept open as long as they pleased, were in opposition to those who patronized the market. It was further suggested that the ordinance be changed so that those delinquent in their rents would have their permits revoked, and also that renters be responsible for damages to fixtures and loss of gas in their stalls.

Attorney George P. Haw appeared before the committee in behalf of truckers who sell from their carts on the street. He was informed that an amendment would be recommended to the Council requiring them to clear the space occupied by their carts between the hours of 1 and 4 P. M., so that street cleaners could sweep the space. After that the carts can be replaced and remain until the next day if necessary. In this way, the committee hopes to settle the long-standing war between the Street Cleaning Department and the truckers. This is not entirely satisfactory to the farmers, but they consider it better than the old state of affairs.

### To Discuss Viaduct.

The East End Citizens' Association will hold a meeting to-morrow night at Chimborazo Park for the discussion of the Marshall Street Viaduct. Mayor Richardson and members of the Council are expected to be present, to deal with this important subject. There will be a watermelon feast and other refreshments. Men and women are invited to be present.

### Charged With Assault.

Eljah Allen, a fourteen-year-old colored boy, was arrested in the county yesterday afternoon on the charge of assaulting Kate Hall, also colored. It is alleged that there were several other boys in the case, but the others were not arrested. The matter will come up before Magistrate Bottom this morning.

### DISCUSS USE OF BENZOIC ACID

Two National Associations of Chemists Meet in Denver This Week.

Dr. E. W. Magruder, State chemist and chief of the laboratory of the Department of Agriculture left yesterday for Denver, Col., to attend two important conventions, that of the National Food and Dairy Association, and the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists. Professor W. M. Allen, food chemist of North Carolina, accompanied Dr. Magruder.

Important questions to be discussed at this year's meetings of the two associations will center around the use of preservatives in food. Many preservatives, it is said, are used, the most general being benzoic acid. This substance is much discussed at present, as some experts regard it as harmless, and claim that its use should be allowed, while others say that while in small amounts it may not injure some people, yet its indiscriminate use is objectionable, as it may prove injurious to delicate people and to those with weak digestion. Many other matters of interest are to come before the two conventions, and the present sessions bid fair to be among the most interesting ever held.

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